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## Upcoming EESCC Events

<b>Larison Rock HillClimb</b>	<b>July 5th &amp; 6th, 2003</b> Location: Oakridge, Or
<b>Event #5 &amp; #6</b>	<b>August 23rd &amp; 24th, 2003</b> Location: Valley River Center
<b>Event #7, #8 &amp; IROC</b>	<b>Sept 27th &amp; 28th, 2003</b> Location: Coca Cola Bottling
<b>FastGrass AutoCross</b>	<b>October 11th, 2003</b> Location: Cresswell, Or
<b>Year End Awards Banquet</b>	<b>Nov 8th, 2003</b> Location: Hilton, Eugene, Or
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month</b> Location: The Mission Franklin Blvd. & Patterson, Eugene, Or
Time: 7:30pm	

### Other Clubs Events

June 28	ACCO Event #3	Redmond
June 29	ACCO Event #4	Redmond
June 29	WMC Event #4	Salem
July 5	SCCA – Event #7	Portland
July 6	SCCA – Event #8	Portland
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	ACCO Event #5	Redmond
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	ACCO Event #6	Redmond
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	SSCC – Event #5	Medford

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- And much, much more!!

### **A NEW MEMBERS PERSPECTIVE**

My introduction to the sport of AutoX was purely accidental. While spending a couple of hours surfing the Web for various types of local or regional car clubs, I came across The SCCA. First, San Francisco, then The Oregon Region, and then Eugene and The Emerald Empire Sports Car Club. It sounded like a lot of fun... but what did I know about racing? The last thing I wanted to do was to make a fool of myself in front of a lot of people who know how to drive.

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### **EVENTS #3 & #4**

Well after a lot of years, and due in no small part to the persuasion powers of Cheryl Baugh we were back at Valley River. Valley River is a great place to autocross and to get new autocrossers. It is surrounded by beautiful buildings, nice trees, and our events there bring out the spectators. Tim Steck was in charge of the courses, but as usual the “committee” had their own input. After a lot of discussion and tweaking we ended up with two really fun courses. The only real problem was that Sundays course was a tad long and had very little overlap so we had to shorten the afternoon runs to

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So, after calling and e-mailing a couple of members, I was invited to the monthly meeting at The Mission Restaurant. It just happened to be two weeks before Larison Rock Hillclimb (mid-way through the season). During the meeting I was encouraged to go to The Rock and just watch, not drive, having no previous seat time, just watch. And "oh, by the way, there might be some things for me to do before, during and after the race. Would I be interested in helping out in some way?" Sure, why not, at least I'll probably learn something. Did I ever!

First and foremost, I learned about the people. "An association of autosports enthusiasts". People who love to drive, period. From the time I arrived in Oakridge on Friday afternoon, to the time I left on Sunday evening, everyone involved made me feel welcome and a part of the club. They did put me to work, of course (fresh meat), but that turned out to be almost as much fun as driving, as I soon came to find out. No question was too dumb, every job was important. Just ask and volunteer.

As the autocross season progressed, I began to learn the ins and outs of driving and event organization. I was nervous at the beginning of my first novice run, but by walking the course and having an experienced driver as a passenger and asking for advice the butterflies settled and I had the most fun you can have sitting on your asphalt! By manning my work stations, helping out at teching, setting up and breaking down the course and cleaning up after the events, I really felt a part of "The Club". Everyone was helpful, courteous and put me at my ease and I began to make a lot of new friends.

I'm still learning and my growing enthusiasm and love for this sport seems to be rubbing off, as I've encouraged a number of people to "give it a try". It's to these prospective, new and current members that this article is addressed get involved in every aspect of your chosen sport, check out the other clubs events and help out there, too. The benefits of Club Membership... camaraderie, friendship and fun are immeasurable. Not only that, by helping out, everyone gets to do what they love to do best...DRIVE!

Kevin Braunger

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three. I heard Bonnie take the the blame for the extra lap.

We had an awesome turnout, 126 drivers on Saturday and 125 on Sunday. The weather was a little warm, but that made the water sales better.

The pavement there is real sticky. I had better turn in than I've ever had. This turned out to good for the pony cars and horsepower in general. This site rewards those people who know how to read the camber in the course. This lot is made to drain quickly, and therefore has its own "hills and valleys." Sometimes the course allowed you use this camber, and sometimes not. If you couldn't make it, you better be there in August! See you next time.

Jim Mueller

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